# THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

For The Bride of The Lord of The Sabbath



ACTS 15:21 - "For Moses of old time hath in every city them that <u>preach him, being read in the synagogues</u> every sabbath day."

ACTS 15:1 - "And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised ['except you keep the ten commandments, especially the fourth commandment to remember the sabbath and keep it holy'] after the manner of Moses, —> ye cannot be saved."

ACTS 15:6 - "But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful [necessary] to circumcise them [or, that it is necessary to keep the weekly sabbaths], and to command them to keep the law of Moses [or, to keep the ten commandments written in stone tablets]."

Acts 15:10-11 - "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke\* upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we [which neither our ancient Hebrew ancestors nor we, the apostles and even you Pharisees] were able to bear, [ref. John 7:19-23]? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved [by the circumcision God makes without hands, thru the circumcision of Christ: our True and Living Sabbath Rest] even as they [anyone who believes Jesus' Sonship is literal, and faithfully enters into His death, being buried w Him in water baptism washing away their sins, calling upon His everlasting name and receives His Holy Spirit of Truth to save, sanctify, set them apart and seal them]."

Acts 15:24-29 - "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law [or saying, you <u>must keep</u> the seventh day weekly sabbaths, including the ten commandments written in stone tablets]: to which we gave no such commandment: it seems good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with

our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men that have —> hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas [two brothers whom Christ gave the spiritual gift of prophecy], who shall also tell you the same things by mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost [the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, the Head of His Body/Church], and to us [His ordained apostles and elders of His Church], to lay upon you [the multitude at Antioch and any one of us today] no greater burden than these necessary things; —> That <u>ye</u> abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which **if ye keep** yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

he Lord Jesus was sent under the Old Testament, during the time of the ministration of condemnation, aka the ministration of death — which is when men of every city ministered or preached Moses and those things which were written and engraven in stone tablets [the ten commandments] as well as those things spoken of by the prophets of old. And by heeding and keeping those words, today, none will inherit Life. For the fulfillment of the Mosaic law and the prophets is embodied in the Divine Human Life of Christ Jesus our Lord, Yahusha ha'Mashiach, our Master, the literal divine Son of God. Yes, the old ministration was glorious, indeed, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be —> done away: how shall not the ministration or the preaching of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus be rather glorious? Think about the Mt of Transfiguration,

when the Messiah was transfigured in all the glory of His Father, Yahuah, and in all His righteousness, — being witnessed by the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah), <u>ref. Rom 3:21-23</u>. Yes He is much more glorious!

et's consider the rich young ruler, as I would think many of us today, especially in the western world, have (or had) many great possessions as well. He approached our Master and Messiah to inquire of Him, what must he do to inherit eternal life, at a time when the ministration of death was still in full effect [they were under the OT law, following the entire Mosaic system, incl the Ten Commandments], and Jesus having begun to Author, but not quite yet fully Finish the Faith/the Life that saves us, answered the rich young ruler based on the priesthood and the law which was in place at that time. We do not live under the law, neither are we Hebrews, therefore, the New Testament which is in the Messiah's blood (or in His life), is now ministered w all His ordinances and His commands for His offspring to walk w Him in the cool of the day and faithfully live by, as He is now our High Priest dwelling w in us and interceding for us, after the order of Melchisedec — not the after the order of Aaron the Levite. So due to the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law —> to the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. By abiding in Christ, the Shema is fulfilled in us who keep/obey our Father's command to wholeheartedly believe on our Beloved Messiah's name and love one another. Bada bing, bada boom.

You remember when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the entire Mosaic Law system, including the Ten Commandments? Ok, so why did Abba do that? To redeem Israel who was shut up under the entire Mosaic law system, which Paul clarified: only the remnant of Israel according to the election of grace were/are delivered, AS WELL AS the fullness of the Gentiles who come out of every nation, running to enter the strait gate; the front Door to the Kingdom of God [Christ Jesus], the Son of God. That all who believe on the Son of God might receive the Spirit of adoption, as sons. And bc we who believe and keep Christ are now sons, God the Father, has sent forth the Spirit of His Son's Authored and Finished Life/Spirit/Faith [which is the Living Word Abba promised to 'write upon our <u>new fleshy</u> <u>hearts</u>'], crying, Abba, Father, for the law of faith [Christ in us, the hope of glory] is fulfilled in us who now are endued w power from on high, to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

he apostle's doctrine is officially what every sincere disciple of Jesus Christ heeds, believes, receives, keeps, does and teaches others to keep and observe. We were never commissioned by our Master to go and teach Moses and what he spoke to literal Israel on Mt. Sinai (which was engraven in stones), for souls to be saved/obtain eternal life. No...but we all know the law is good, IF a man use it lawfully.

1 Timothy 4:16 <u>"Take heed</u> unto thyself, and <u>unto the doctrine</u> [the apostle's doctrine], <u>continue in them</u>: for in doing this thou shalt both <u>save thyself</u>, <u>and them that hear thee</u>."

While Paul eventually would be called and chosen later on in Acts, which at that point he began to preach and teach, Jesus Christ is the Son of God, as an apostle of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. And beholding his example as a minister of the Spirit, preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ, the divine literal Son of God, we can see exactly what <u>the apostles' doctrine</u> was, and is today. First noting the twelve apostles that walked with Jesus, before moving on to anything br. Paul said or wrote.

From Acts 1:1-4 (KJV), we know the following:

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me."

Here, we see that the Lord Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, gave His apostles commandments to give and teach His Body. We also see that prior to those commands being given by the Spirit, Jesus spent forty days with them

intimately sharing with them things concerning the Kingdom of God and His name [His descent, His identity and doctrine, see, '<u>Taking The Lord's Name In Vain</u>'] of Jesus Christ.

From 2 Thessalonians 2:15, Paul affirms us to keep the things which he and the apostles taught and gave us:

"Therefore, brethren, standfast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

**n the Gospels, the Lord Jesus frequently spoke to them the same things**, often in parables, so I suspect the things Jesus said to them during that forty day timeframe were reminders summarizing the things which He had already imparted and ministered to them over the course of His pre-Calvary ministry.

We can therefore see that the doctrine the apostles preached and taught was not really theirs, per se, but rather, taught to them by the Lord Jesus, i.e. the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Remember, br Paul admonished Timothy, in his first letter, writing: that there were men who were desirous of being teachers of the law, yet neither understood what they say, nor the things they affirm. "But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, --> but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust." (1 Tim 1:8-11)

Being born again of Christ's doctrine [doing His Father's will], we're neither lawless nor disobedient. Interestingly, in John 7:16-18, Jesus said,

"My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. <u>If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine</u>, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him."

This shows that, according to Christ, the doctrine He taught and espoused wasn't really even His, but rather belonged to and came from His Father, Yahuah Almighty. And the meek and faithful will know His doctrine.

This makes sense in light of John 13:20,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth him that sent me."

## And Luke 8:18,

"Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from his shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

## And John 15:14,

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

## And lastly, Luke 6:46,

"And why call me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

**here is an unbroken doctrinal line; a strait line of truth**, descending first from God our Father, thru His divine literal Son, the Lord Jesus of Nazareth, then, thru His twelve apostles, and then eventually thru br. Paul of Tarsus and the other apostles and elders of the 1st Century Church.

As regarding the specifics concerning 'what must one do to inherit eternal life?' I urge us all to prayerfully ponder and meditate on <u>these passages</u>.

In Hebrews 6:1-3, we read the blueprint and frame work according to the doctrine of Christ,

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit."

The above passage shows what the principles of the doctrine of Christ are, that is, what <u>the original</u> <u>foundation that was laid by God</u> thru the apostles and prophets of old, with Jesus Christ being the Chief Corner Stone, along w what He specifically gave to His apostles thru the Spirit, to His Church, in order for one to inherit eternal life. Abba is faithful who called us into <u>the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ</u> our Lord.

So should you desire to come now and partake of the Root w us? Come 💝

- Believe the Shema: the Shema is fulfilled in those of us who acknowledge Jesus' Sonship is literal and divine, keeping/ obeying God's first and greatest command, and we love the children of God [fulfilling the 2nd greatest command of the Shema: to love our neighbor as ourself), when we love Yahuah Almighty, God our Father, and keep His commandment: that He is literally one God who begot His only begotten beloved Son: the Last Adam, who therefore is now our everlasting Father of the NT divine-human race; the new creation born again of His Incorruptible Seed. And as many as receive His Son [who set to their seal that His witness in John 8 and His Father's witness are bonafide and true], to us the Son of God gives power to become sons of God, even bc we have believed on His name, and have literally confessed His everlasting name to be saved. We believe w the heart unto righteousness and with the mouth we make confession unto salvation, confessing His blessed and sanctified name before all men, beginning at our water baptism; upon entering the New Covenant btwn Abba Father and His Son, whom Abba Father blessed and glorified forever -- above the seventh day sabbath. Jesus/Yahusha was and still is Master/Lord of the sabbath. He taught on the sabbath the day of rest. He healed souls on the sabbath and preached the Shema: the commandment to love God and our neighbor. The Lord Jesus literally embodied adoration and honor for His Father, while loving His neighbor richly by stretching forth His hand to heal all who came to Him desiring Him to make them whole. Jesus did not submit nor follow in the way of the sinner Hebrews who God commanded them to KEEP the law of Moses, specifically the fourth command written in stony tablets. The law of Moses is the entire Old Covenant, including the Ten Commandments, and it was not made for a righteous man but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, etc. etc. and any other vile thing that is contrary to sound doctrine [all the commandments Christ gave, through the Holy Spirit, to His chosen apostles for His Church; the doctrine of Christ].
- Understand repentance from dead works: is a gift which <u>Abba grants/gives</u> the believer who believes w all their heart unto righteousness---> <u>the divine literal Son of God's witness</u>, that He is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes He is faithful and true, and exactly who He said He was/is No metaphors. No mad-science-tricknology. He spoke and still speaks plainly, in love, Words of Life, to the meek, as any parent might speak to their 3 year old child.
- Have faith toward God: by beholding His Son who bore all of our wickedness, and sins and iniquities. Abba gave humanity His only begotten Son, as a gift, and sent Him to us at the divine right time, so that we all [Hebrews and Gentiles] can see and begin to understand His Father, God Almighty's great, enormous, all-consuming tender mercies towards us. When we are born again, born both of water and of the Spirit calling upon His Son, our eyes are open to His love in all of its glory and we gladly accept His invitation and counsel to return and come back to Him, being reconciled to God thru His Son. It's now a deep, rich relationship, loving friendship and candid, authentic intimacy that we inherit from His beloved Son.
- Baptisms: we must be born of water, [see, 'Born of Water Being Made Conformable to the Death, Burial & Resurrection of Christ'] for remission of our sins, and born of the Holy Spirit of Truth and w fire, to be set-apart, sanctified, and sealed by His everlasting name. And now by the Spirit of Truth being poured out on Pentecost, any one of us today, that believe on our Messiah, by hearing and/or reading the twelve apostle's msgs and letters, ref. John 17:4-9, 14-20, are welcomed to come forth and "be crucified" in Christ, that they may live abundantly thru Him.

- Laying on of hands: ref. <u>1 Tim 4:14, 2 Tim 1:6</u>
- Resurrection from the dead: ref. <u>Acts 24:15</u>, John 5:29, Philip 3:9-12, John 11:25, Matt 22:29-32, Rev 20:4-6, 11-12, Rom 1:2-5, Rom 8:11, 1 Cor 15:12-13, 20-22, Acts 4:1-4, 1 Pet 1:3, Luke 20:35
- Eternal judgment: ref. <u>Acts 3:23</u>, John 8:21-24, 42-47, Acts 24:15, John 5:29, Rev 20:4-6, Rev 2:11, Rev 21:8, Rev 20:11-15
- Lets go on now to perfection: ref. Ps 50:2; Ps 101:2-3, Matt 5:48-49, Luke 6:36, John 17:23, Heb 7:11-19, Acts 13:39, Rom 8:2-4, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Cor 2:4-7 Col 1:28, Col 4:12, Eph 3:14-19, Eph 4:13-16, James 1:4, Luke 21:19

hese basic principles seem to encapsulate plainly the core teachings and testimony of the apostles, regarding what one must keep/obey and abide in today, in order to inherit eternal life. Remember, my beloved brethren, let no man deceive you w cunning craftiness, bt let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. You will know a tree by it's fruit: bc out of the heart the mouth speaks. There's only one ministration under this dispensation of grace in which we are currently ordained as ambassadors for Christ, to serve the living God. Abba Yah has made us able ministers of the New Testament; not of the letter [the Old Testament], but of the Spirit: for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life [the Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus]. That's why we must obey our Lord and be born again, of His Spirit, bc the New Testament or New Covenant is in His blood. So now that He's our High Priest, as the priesthood has been changed, where do you think the Law is? It's in His Life: that's why His Father, Yah Almighty commands us to believe on His Son's name. IF we truly believe on His name in our heart, out of our mouths we will make confession of His name unto salvation. He is literally ministering Life unto the faithful who gladly submit to the counsel of God and call upon His righteousness (His Son).

But *again*, if the ministration of death written and engraven in stones WAS glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance —> which glory was to be *done away*: how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious [the preaching of the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ, the divine literal Son of God]? For if the ministration of condemnation [ref. Acts 15:21], be glory, much <u>more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory</u> [the preaching of Christ, the righteousness of God]. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excells [Christ as a Son over His own house, <u>ref. Heb 3:5-6, Heb 7:11-19</u>]. For if that which is done away [the ministration of Moses and the letter, <u>ref. Acts 15:21</u>, incl the Ten Commandments] was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious [the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; the ministration of the Spirit; testifying and teaching the Son of God/the Son of man, His name and doctrine.]

🛄 2 John 4-11

### Romans 15:5-14

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you **to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus**: That ye may with ONE MIND and ONE MOUTH glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision [Israel] for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers [Abraham, Issac and Jacob]: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."

<sup>&</sup>quot;I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as --> we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had FROM THE BEGINNING [as 2nd command of the Shema], that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his [Abba's] commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who ----> confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh ['Christ dwelleth in me', 'Christ in you, the hope of glory', Col 1:26-27, Gal 4:4-6, 1 John 4:2, 4, 6]. **This is a deceiver and an antichrist.** Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought [done; worked for], but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in --> the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son [no third person in any of God's covenants]. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine [also known as 'the apostle's doctrine', i.e. the doctrine of Christ], receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."